

Special to the Daily Leader



Nineteen preschoolers assembled Monday evening at Memorial Library to take part in the fourth annual Kansas Reads to Preschoolers event.

This event is designed to raise awareness of the importance of reading to little ones. Library representatives read to preschoolers throughout the city during this week.

The highlight of the program was Karma Wilson's delightful, rhyming book "Bear Feels Sick." On hand was a large cardboard stand-up figure of Bear, which the children had their picture taken with.

Those who brought their favorite blanket from home included it in their photograph. Those without a blanket could hold a quilt patterned after Bear's quilt in the story.

To go along with this year's health theme, children learned two action songs about healthy habits and heard the Tony Ross story Wash Your Hands. There were prize drawings for copies of this title.

Little ones did a craft to remind them of the way to cover their sneezes and ended the evening with a snack of bear shaped cookies and milk.